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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Personal Letter from General Reinhard Gehlen

Attached hereto is a personal letter from General Reinhard Gehlen to the Director.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANS

(Signed) Richard Balles  
BY \_\_\_\_\_

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2. December 1952

Dear [redacted]

I thank you so much for the interesting book you sent me. I appreciate the friendly feelings which this gift expresses.

I take the opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. On the 19th we will have our usual Christmas party. Things are going the routine way and we have only one major problem, which is the budget. I hope it will be settled in December.

Do not forget to visit us if you should come to Germany some day again.

With many regards,

Sincerely yours,

R. Sehler

*St. John's Park*

It was a pleasure to receive your letter which Mr. Critchfield delivered to me today. I took the opportunity of his visit, which fortunately coincided with that of General Truscott, to discuss with them many of the major problems related to both current and future intelligence relationships between our respective services.

I am hopeful and optimistic that the near future will bring the establishment of the German Intelligence Service and that the trend which you mentioned in your letter can be continued and directed toward the establishment of a mutually beneficial liaison relationship between our services.

I am sure you share my deep conviction that satisfactory liaison arrangements are vital to insure the uninterrupted conduct of matters of mutual interest and of vital importance to our respective governments. With this in mind, and believing that our cooperation in intelligence matters can, to our mutual advantage, be extended, I have instructed Mr. Critchfield to explore with you our related interests in a number of activities in areas outside of the framework of our present cooperation in the production of intelligence on the Soviet Bloc. In this connection, Mr. Critchfield discussed with me your views on intelligence war planning and your emerging relationships with a number of friendly countries. I have instructed Mr. Critchfield to pass on to you my views on these matters.

Sometime during the next few months I hope to have the opportunity again to visit Germany and discuss personally with you a number of matters of mutual interest.

General Reinhard Gehlen  
Germany

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